

# WordPress Security Checklist

Use this list to help make your WordPress more secure and less likely to become a victim. You can find more details and instructions about these items on our [Essential WordPress Security Checklist](#) post.

- All users have strong passwords
- All users have 2FA/MFA set up
- Limit login attempts
- Apply the Principle of Least Privilege
- Remove old / unused accounts
- Set up Akismet SPAM protection
- Add honeypots to forms
- Add CAPTCHAs to forms
- Add CAPTCHAs to login and registration forms (if used)
- Disable XML-RPC access
- Install and configure a security plugin
- Update WordPress
- Update Plugins
- Update Themes
- Remove inactive plugins
- Remove inactive themes (except Twenty-Twenty Five)
- Update PHP to 8.1+
- Turn on automatic updates for minor versions
- Set up daily off-side backups

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[WP Support HQ](#) provides WordPress support services for marketing professionals, including secure managed hosting that will handle most of this list for you.

